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Dear Ms. Bohn,

The short answer to your question, have I criticized Dr. Lattimer's position, is "yes." However, I believe you want a longer one and I'll compromize with a short longer one.

Not knowing what he said in his recent Columbus speech I can't address that.

However, I have gone over all his published "work" and all accounts I could get of his public appearances to well after his examination of the autopsy material. I then challenged him in writing and he would not confront. Nothing he says stacks.

His pretended laboratory work is childishly irrelevant but as in the fable of the Emperor's Clothes his medical peers oohed and aahed over it and the popular media accepted it without question. It consisted of slicing a bullet with a medical saw capable of the finest slicing. That he could do this is without any evidentiary meaning. Yet he based "conclusions" on this and in so doing ignored existing evidence that did more than make his "test" irrelevant - it destroyed the basis for any such test even if it were a reasonable one.

His comments after examining the autopsy material destroy the conclusion he drew from them, but again he was not questioned and his "conclusions" were accepted and widely publicized.

I found myself wondering about this man's beliefs because his writings on the Lincoln assassination also were illogical and biased. So, I had a young friend of right-wing persuasion write Lattimer and it became evidence that my suspicion was correct - he is a bitter partisan of the right extreme.

Beginning in late 1966 and more intensively in 1967 I began writing a very large work titled Post Mortem. It is in three parts, the last I think circa 1971. It is in my view by far the most definitive work to date. I am without means of printing it but except for deciding which of countless documents can't be reproduced in the appendix it is ready for printing. The sole problem is money. (Jim Lesar borrowed the money to pay the printer for his work on Whitewash IV.) In Post Mortem I take Dr. Lattimer apart with a surgical precision I would hope he displays in OR but is totally absent in any of his writing.

It appears that his political beliefs impel him to make credible what was never really believed by most people, that a lone Red nut killed the President (of whom Lattimer was not enamored.). In the cause of his dedication it also appears that there is nothing of which Lattimer is not capable.

Lattimer, by the way, did not qualify under the Kennedy estate-GSA letter agreement to see the autopsy material. Yet he was the first to be given access. However, he was not the first to know he would be. As soon as there was the prospect of major-media attention he was notified that he would be given access. I have a first-person account of this from the reporter who made the inquiry when his editor's daybook showed the minimum time set by the contract had elapsed. Once the government knew it could influence what would be said and deduced it decided to admit Lattimer, who learned from this reporter, not the government. And before this reporter's story appeared I told him that it would constitute the balming of the survivors for suppression for which they in fact had no responsibility. It was exactly that way. And predictable. Sincerely,